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Elba Fire Department assists Brantley with massive fire on Sunday, March 25th

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The report of a "loud boom" early Sunday morning, March 25, in Brantley, Ala. turned into one of the largest fires the area had experienced in many years.

The fire began at approximately 5:30 a.m. at the Brantley Recycle Center, and upon arrival on scene officials found the entire facility engulfed in flames. According to Harry Driggers, chief of the Brantley Fire and Rescue, an estimated 800 tons of plastic was burning when he arrived on scene.

A seasoned firefighter having served 52 years with the local Brantley department and 30 years with the fire department in Fort Rucker, Driggers said he

had never seen a fire like this in his lifetime.

Shortly after 7 a.m., the Crenshaw County Emergency Management Agency issued a warning, and areas up to a quarter mile from the recycle center were reportedly evacuated for precautionary measures - this included homes and businesses. With the recycle center located on Main Street in downtown Brantley, this forced businesses to close for the majority of the day on Sunday while firefighters worked to contain the major blaze.

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department received a call for mutual aid from Brantley just after 8 a.m.

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A large cloud of black smoke could be witnessed from many miles away Sunday, March 25, as this massive fire engulfed the Brantley Recycle Center, located on Main Street in Brantley, Ala. The fire began around 5:30 a.m. and kept firefighters on scene for the majority of the day Sunday. It also required evacuations, for precautionary measures, from homes and businesses as firefighters worked to get the blaze contained.

Candidates speak at Elba Chamber's "Eggs 'n Issues" event

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual "Eggs 'n Issues" breakfast Friday morning, March 23, in the social hall of First Baptist Church of Elba.

Approximately 50 people were in attendance for this year's event.

Since it is an election year and the Primary Elections are coming in June, the chamber opened this year's event to political candidates to give them an opportunity to address the citizens. There were 15 candidates for various offices that spoke last Friday morning.

Four candidates [or their representatives] for U.S. Congress [2nd District] addressed the group. They

Coffee County BOE seeks citizen input with superintendent survey

The Coffee County School Board is conducting a search for a new Superintendent of Education and solicits citizen input.

Visit the website www.coffeecountyschools.org and follow the link Superintendent Search Survey to participate. The



Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton is shown addressing the crowd during the Elba Chamber "Eggs 'n Issues" event held last Friday morning, March 23, in Elba. Sutton will face Skip Neuwein in the June 5th Republican Primary. See Page 3 for more photos.

were candidates Rich Hobson and Tabitha Isner, along with representatives

for Tommy Amason and incumbent Martha Roby. Isner was the only Democratic candidate at the event.

Seeking the State Representative for District 91, candidates Clarke White and Lister Reeves each presented their case for being elected to that seat in the State House.

Melanie Hill, a candidate for the State Board of Education, also addressed the group.

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FATAL ACCIDENT JUST OUTSIDE ELBA CITY LIMITS ON ALABAMA HIGHWAY 189 S...A single vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon, March 27, just outside of the Elba city limits claimed the life of one individual. The accident happened shortly after noon on Tuesday when the vehicle, traveling on Hwy. 189 S, apparently left the roadway, struck a tree and burst into flames (shown above). Officials on scene Tuesday afternoon said it appeared one person had perished in the burning vehicle. While the description of the vehicle and identity of the individual would not be determined for some time due to the extent of the fire, officials did say they arrived on scene just in time to recognize the vehicle's license plate was issued for Montgomery County, Alabama. Highway 189 S, at the point of this fatal accident, remained closed for several hours Tuesday afternoon as officials worked the scene. No further details were available as of press time this week.

After studying abroad in Cuba for two weeks to perfect dance

Elba's Mary Lacy Lusk performs with Mississippi: The Dance Company

University of Mississippi freshman Mary Lacy Lusk from Elba, Alabama spent two weeks studying abroad in Cuba to perfect a dance she performed last weekend at the university.

Lusk was one of just seven Ole Miss students chosen to study contemporary modern dance with the Cuban dance company, Malpaso, after auditioning for a spot in Mississippi: The Dance Company. Though all students had previous experience in dancing, Lusk brought a technically trained skill set to the group.

"Basically since I could walk I've been in the dance studio," she said. "I've been a competitive dancer and I've trained in all different kinds - ballet, tap, jazz, gymnastics, so I've basically been doing it my whole life."

But even for a skilled dancer, learning a Cuban-contemporary style had its difficulties, especially during the first week of rehearsals when members of the dance company worked with the students on the Ole Miss campus in November.



Elba High School alum and current freshman at the University of Mississippi [Ole Miss], Mary Lacy Lusk (center) showcased her dance talents last weekend during a performance with Mississippi: The Dance Company. Lusk spent two weeks in Cuba studying contemporary modern dance, and it was showcased in the performance last weekend.

"It was definitely challenging because just the style of dance is completely different than what we're used to. It's contemporary and modern which is what I've been trained in, but the movement is just completely different, so it was hard," Lusk said. "Also before coming to college, I used to dance every single day of my life, even weekends, and now I only dance two

days a week so it was hard on my body but it was definitely fun."

Malpaso's artistic director and choreographer, Osnel Delgado, developed a dance piece for the students to perform called "Redefining Carmen," where they portray what it means to be a contemporary woman. They rehearsed the piece each afternoon with direction

from Delgado's father, Esteban Delgado, and professor of theatre arts Jennifer Mizenko, who led the trip.

Lusk particularly enjoyed learning from renowned Cuban dancers.

"My favorite part was the classes with Osnel's parents. They were amazing in every way. I really learned

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NEWS BRIEF:

On Wednesday, March 21, Coffee County Deputies made a traffic stop in the county that led to the arrest of a Troy man on multiple drug charges.

Andrew Smiley, age 27, of Troy was stopped for speeding, according to Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth. He said deputies could smell the strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

"A search of the vehicle revealed over a pound of marijuana, a handgun, cash, scales, and other paraphernalia," Whitworth said.

Smiley was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana - first degree, possession of drug paraphernalia, and certain persons forbidden to carry a firearm by a violent person. He also was charged with traffic warrants, Whitworth said.

Area Happenings:

THE PINEY WOODS ARTS FESTIVAL will be Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 8, from 12 noon - 4 p.m., on the running track at Enterprise State Community College.

THE GIVING GARDEN OF ELBA'S FARMERS MARKET AND SPRING PLANTING DAY will be Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. This will be at the corner of Putnam Street and Claxton Avenue [by the historic Folsom Home and Elba Chamber of Commerce].

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY BAND will present its 2018 concert at the Elba High School auditorium on Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m. The band will perform a wide selection of tunes. The concert is free and open to the public to attend.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The greatest way to live with honor in this world is to be what we pretend to be." - Socrates

Many of us don't fully understand the Electoral College and the process used to elect our presidents. That brings on lots of negative comments about the system, even though it is a long time part of our American system of government. Now there are court cases striving to change how the college receives and divides the votes from the 48 states with the "winner take all" system that are cast in the presidential elections. At present, if a candidate wins a majority of the votes in either of the 48 (including Alabama), that candidate gets all the state's electoral votes. Advocates for change who are involved in the lawsuits in four states contend the system hurts both major parties. They want to give the candidates a percentage of the state's Electoral College votes that represent the percent of the statewide vote they won. Well it would have made a difference in which one was named president in the last election. Hillary would have won. In some previous close elections the splitting of votes would have also changed the outcome of the election. It will be interesting to see just how far these lawsuits get in our judicial system. Supporters are dreaming for getting their case before the full U. S. Supreme Court, but it is not a slam dunk win, even if they actually get one or more of their cases before the high court.

The legislative breakfast held last Friday by the Elba Chamber of Commerce was well attended . . . by candidates. However if you take out the candidates, news media and (few) chamber board members attending, one of the large round tables would have held everyone present with room for any latecomer. Elba area citizens once maintained a strong involvement in state, county and local politics and that showed when special help was needed that could only be delivered by said national, state or local politicians. When a major politician came to town, a large enthusiastic crowd warmly welcomed him or her, but such events are history. Granted times are changing everywhere but it is glaringly obvious locally when someone realizes financial help (or string pulling) is needed from said politician. First it is harder than it should be to reach one of the office holders and then the political answers received can often easily be translated into "there will be no help". We can blame no one but ourselves. Clearly most of us consider ourselves too busy or . . . too important to extend the traditional southern hospitality to the visitors when they are on the stump wooing voters.

We continue to hear positive reports on the Elba High Band following their return from the Chicago St. Patrick's Day parade. Of course the live video Editor Linda Hodge posted during the parade attracted literally thousands of viewers (according to numbers kept by our website host). But the lasting impressions were the manners of the students from the hour they left Elba until they returned home. Respectfulness by Elba's "children" was observed by local adults who accompanied the group and others along their route and at those Chicago events who all noted these young folks displayed high regard for themselves and others. Salute!!



Couple travels through Elba with their K-9 companion, Bennie...

Matthew and Cindy Capp of Pensacola, Fla. (shown, left) made a stop Sunday, March 25, at the Mr. Henry's store in Elba. The couple was traveling by motorcycle from Pine Mountain, Ga. and headed home. Traveling with them was their beloved dog, Bennie, a rescue dog. The couple said Bennie loves to ride with them. They are a part of the Southern Cruisers Riding Club and had been traveling with friends to promote fund raising for St. Jude. Matthew is a detective with the NAS Pensacola Police Department. He is retired Navy.

Local insight must lead in our classrooms

Guest Editorial by
U.S. Rep. Martha Roby

As a mother of two young children, I know how important it is that we get it right when it comes to education.

I believe decisions about education are best made locally, so throughout my time in Congress, I have worked to implement policies that give local teachers and parents more control over making needed improvements to education for our children.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recently testified before the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Subcommittee, on which I am proud to serve. During the hearing, I had the opportunity to ask Secretary DeVos whether, under her leadership, the Department of Education acknowledges that the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) expressly forbids the coercion of states to adopt certain federal education standards, including Common Core. Secretary DeVos assured

me that she does acknowledge this and that the Department will continue to follow the letter and spirit of the law.

I have championed these anti-coercion measures for several years, and I'm glad to now have a partner leading the Department of Education who will work with us to ensure that Washington won't force policy agendas into Alabama classrooms.

I appreciate Secretary DeVos for taking the time to review the Department's priorities with our subcommittee, and I was

particularly pleased to hear her response to my question. You know as well as I do that when the federal government manipulates education policy and standards, it ties the hands of school administrators, teachers, and parents in a way that is detrimental to the education of our children. We saw this firsthand in our country when No Child Left Behind (NCLB) was the law of the land and federal officials had too much control over our classrooms.

During the subcommittee hearing, I was also glad to have the opportunity to talk with Secretary DeVos about the importance of Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and ways we can continue to strengthen and improve them. In Alabama, we are fortunate to have a strong network of these programs.

As of last year, Alabama's Community College System had more than 79,000 students enrolled in CTE programs, and 70 Alabama high schools offer CTE courses

with nearly 184,960 students enrolled. As our state's economy continues to grow and add jobs, it is imperative that our students have access to programs that will prepare them to be competitive in our workforce.

It goes without saying that CTE is hugely significant to our state, and I'm pleased Secretary DeVos reaffirmed the Trump Administration's commitment to supporting these programs all over the country. I am proud to work with the Administration to strengthen CTE, and I will

continue to fight to improve our education laws with policies that are more conservative and state-centered. I am confident that local teachers and parents know how to educate the children in their communities better than bureaucrats in Washington, and I will do everything I can in Congress to empower them to be the driving force in our schools.

**** Martha Roby represents Alabama's Second Congressional District. She lives in Montgomery, Alabama with her husband Riley and their two children.**



Martha Roby

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 19, investigated the following incidents: one for menacing, one for theft of property, two for theft, one accidental shooting, two for burglary, and one natural death.

Arrests made during the week included: six for failure to appear, one for violation of a city ordinance, and one for menacing.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: two for speeding and two for not using a seat belt.

MONDAY, MAR. 19 - Coffee County EMS dispatched for lift assist at 667 County Rd. 253 (7:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2738 Hickman Ave. (8:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 344 Reddoch Hill Rd. (11:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1524 Highland

Dr. (3:21 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAR. 20 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 28842 Hwy. 167 (9:32 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 28842 Hwy. 167 (11:53 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21173 Hwy. 87 N (7:25 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 21 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 109 Factory Ave. (3:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 645 Reynolds Ave. (8:17 p.m.); Subject reported to have accidentally shot himself at 973 County Rd. 401 (8:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 973 County Rd. 401 (8:45 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 973 County Rd. 401 (8:48 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 158 Buford St. (10:31 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAR. 22 - Possible prowler reported

at 797 Claxton Ave. (12:06 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire at 2450 Industrial Blvd. (4:03 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 138 Stroud Ave. (6:45 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAR. 23 - Burglary reported at 200 Old Samson Rd. (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a 2-vehicle wreck at 2238 Hwy. 189 (1:27 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 118 County Rd. 403 (2:23 p.m.); Three-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 141 and Hwy. 84 (3:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS and Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck at Hwy 141 and Hwy. 84 (3:14 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAR. 24 - Domestic disturbance reported at 617 Kendrick St. (11:47 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Elba Food Giant (4:39 p.m.); Elba Fire Department First Responders dispatched to the Elba Food Giant (4:42 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 458 County Rd. 353 (5:13 p.m.); Verbal disturbance reported at 1016 Edmonson (7:12 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAR. 25 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to assist the Brantley Fire Department as mutual aid at 9541 S. Main St. (8:02 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 715 Putnam St. (1:09 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 715 Putnam St. (1:21 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 5154 Plant Ave. (7:09 p.m.).

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BONNIE REA MORRIS

Mrs. Bonnie Rea Morris, age 89, a resident of the Enterprise Health & Rehab Center, in Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

Graveside services were held March 22, 2018 from the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Roy Turner officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morris was preceded in death by her husband Sammie D. Morris; sons Jerry Morris and Jackie Morris; two daughters Sheila Morris and Shirley Morris, and her parents Donie Rea Morris and Walker Morris.

Survivors include her two sons: Sam Ronnie Morris and Glen Edward Morris, both of Elba, Ala.; daughter: Linda Krutzman, Coon Rapids, Minn.; daughter-in-law: Patricia Morris, Elba; three sisters: Myrtle Morris, Taylor, Ala., Emma Grace Newman and Jeannie Debice, both Jack, Ala.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

JAMES CLANTON FARRIS

Mr. James Clanton Farris, age 92, of Kinston, Ala., died Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at his home in Kinston, Ala.

Funeral services were held March 23, 2018 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Johnny Padalino officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.



Survivors include his wife: Mathalyn Farris, Kinston; daughter: Deborah (J. R.) Williams, Pensacola, Fla.; sons: Mike (Judy) Farris, Elba, Ala., and Max Farris, West Point, Miss.; sister: Louise Birtig, Wash.; brother: Ronald Farris, Montgomery, Ala.; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

K.T. THOMAS

Mr. K. T. Thomas, age 76, of Enterprise, Ala., died Friday, March 16, 2018, at his residence.

Funeral services were held March 22, 2018 at Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, New Brockton, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

He was born Feb. 6, 1942 in Coffee County to the late Lorenza and Flora Hicks Thomas. He attended EJ Lewis High School in Samson, Ala. He retired from Dorsey Trailers after many years of service.

He was preceded in death by his son, Marcus Lorenza Thomas; father and mother, Lorenza and Thomas; one sister, Annie Lois King; and four brothers, Robert, Fred, William, and Leo Thomas.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years: Catherine Thomas, Enterprise; four sons: Willie Wise, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., Curtis Thomas, Detroit, Mich., Robert and Rodney Smith, New Brockton, Ala.; five daughters: Pam, Shirley, Jewel Thomas, Detroit, Patricia Thomas, Harper, Conn., Robin Conyers, Enterprise; five brothers: Jimmy (Janice) Thomas, Atlanta, Ga., Gillis (Gwen) Thomas, Pensacola, Fla., Dennis (Vivian), Fredrick (Latasha) Thomas, and John Lee (Sue) Thomas, all three of Enterprise; four sisters: Mary L. (David) McClaib, Auburn, NY, Annie Cunningham, Lacey Thomas, and Ethel (Kenneth) Herring, all three of Enterprise; sisters-in-law: Pearl Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa., Ruby Thomas, Defuniak Springs, Fla., Annie Dell Thomas, Troy, Dorothy Flowers, New Brockton, Glenda Gayie-Haynes (Reiders) White, Enterprise, and Alma Lois Likely, Hyattsville, Md.; brother-in-law: Ronald L. (Sharon) Haynes, Ozark, Ala.; 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

NATASHA N. BYRD

Ms. Natasha N. Byrd, age 31, of Hanceville, Ala., died in Cullman County Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

She was born on April 2, 1986 to Patrick Bradham and Barbara Byrd-Fields.

Survivors include her mother: Barbara (Andrew) Fields, Cullman; father: Patrick Bradham, Enterprise; one sister: Acelia Byrd, Cullman; one brother: Jaboris Gisbon, Troy, Ala.; three nephews: Tyler, Christian, and Peyton; two aunts, eight uncles, four great-aunts, one great-uncle; and many other relatives.

BARRY EDWARD FARRIS

Mr. Barry Edward Farris, age 62, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, March 25, 2018, at his home.

In keeping with his wishes, disposition will be by cremation. The family plans to have memorial services at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Farris family.

Barry was a member of the Elba High School class of 1974. He worked 20-plus years in the fabrication department at Dorsey Trailers.

Survivors include a son: Brandon Farris, New Brockton, Ala.; daughters: Kimberly Farris, Enterprise, Ala., Katrina Farris, New Brockton, and Deana Westbrook, Elmore, Ala.; granddaughter: Serenity Riffle, Enterprise; and a brother: Wade Farris, Livingston, Ala.

Elba BOE approves personnel matters during monthly meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met last Tuesday evening, March 20, handled some important business and adjourned in record time.

The board approved the hiring of James "AJ" Gilmore as history teacher at Elba High School. He replaced Rodney Jordan who resigned effective Feb. 27th after accepting a position in Eufaula, coaching with former Elba football coach Ed Rigby.

The board accepted the resignations of four other teachers effective May 18, 2018. They are Marcey Periman, Special Ed/Speech, elementary school; Lindsey Shuford, Elementary school teacher; Todd Gafford - English teacher, high school; and Donna Jordan - Library Media Specialist, elementary school.

The board also approved the recommendation and voted Non-Renewal for Virginia Floyd - Special



Those in attendance for the Elba Chamber hosted "Eggs 'n Issues" event are shown listening to a candidate speak last Friday morning, March 23, at the First Baptist Church in Elba. Many in the group also chose to enjoy breakfast catered by The Ranch House.

EGGS

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In regards to more local county races, there were candidates in attendance for 12th Judicial Circuit Judge, Coffee County Sheriff, Coffee County Coroner, and Coffee County Circuit Clerk.

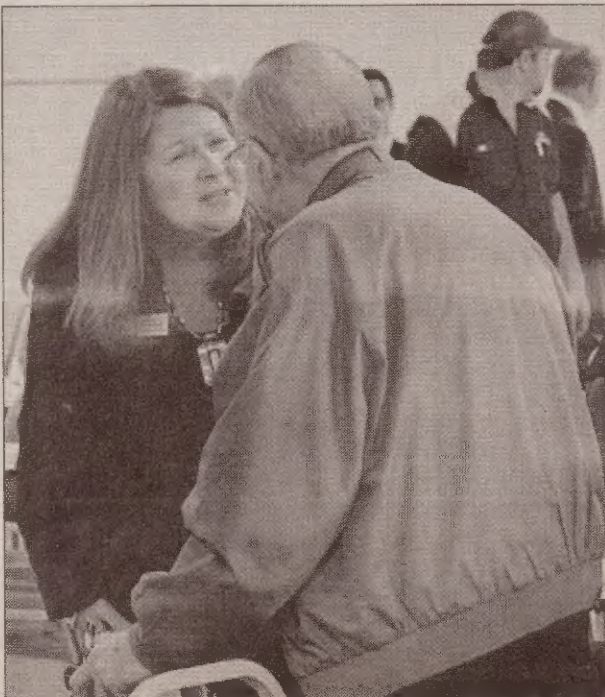
The candidates for Circuit Judge were Josh Wilson and Sonny Reagan; for Sheriff were incumbent Dave Sutton and his challenger Skip Neuwein; for Coroner were incumbent Robert Preachers and his challenger Philip Box; and for Circuit Clerk were DeAnn Cronk and Amy Reeves.

State Senator Jimmy Holley also addressed the crowd briefly. He too is up for election this year, but is running unopposed for his District 31 Senate seat.

Each of the candidates thanked the Elba Chamber for hosting the event and for giving them a platform to deliver their message to Elba's citizens. The Primary Elections are set for Tuesday, June 5th.



Rich Hobson, candidate for U.S. Congress (2nd District) is shown (left) speaking with Rev. Michael Woodham, pastor of First Baptist Church Elba at the conclusion of the "Eggs 'n Issues" event.



U.S. Rep. Martha Roby was represented by Cindy Pate (left) at the Elba "Eggs 'n Issues" event. She is shown above talking with Elba resident Everette Kelley.



Josh Wilson (left), a candidate for Circuit Judge, is shown talking with Elba citizen Max Bozeman at the conclusion of the "Eggs 'n Issues" event, hosted Friday morning, March 23, by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Wilson will face Sonny Reagan in the June 5th Republican Primary for the 12th Judicial Circuit Judge seat being vacated by longtime Judge Tom Head, who is retiring.

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The family of the late Melvin Edward Hall wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses, and for the condolences and support that we have received.

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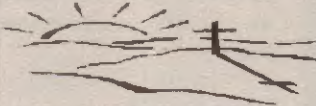
The family of Elijah J. Yelverton (EJ) thank you for all the kindness shown to us before and after his passing. For the prayers, food, flowers, cards, telephone calls, emails, text messages and visits, they comforted, strengthened and sustained us during a difficult time.

Oh, how we do miss EJ, but God is good and He makes no mistakes. Let us continue to pray for one another.

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Gladys Yelverton and the Yelverton Family

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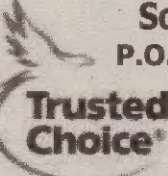
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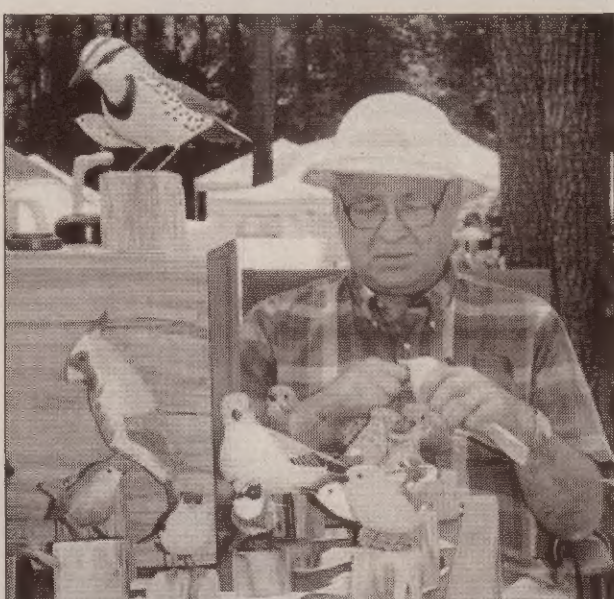
Piney Woods Arts Festival set for April 7th and 8th in Enterprise

The 44th Piney Woods Arts Festival - A Juried Arts and Crafts Show - is Saturday, April 7, and Sunday, April 8, on the running track at Enterprise State Community College.

This is a fun family event. The event will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on April 7th and from 12 noon until 4 p.m. on April 8th. One of the oldest juried arts and crafts shows in the area, Piney Woods features original art and crafts by approximately 100 artists, a children's fun center, food and entertainment and a Civil War Living Display. The Weevil City Cruisers Car and Truck Show is Saturday only across campus from the arts festival.

Admission to the festival and car show is free.

For information, call 334-406-2787 or visit



The festival is dedicated this year to Duane Larson, a bird carver who been an artist at Piney Woods since 1985.

www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com

Below is the information about each artist's work -- Duane Larson. The festival is dedicated this year to Duane Larson, a bird carver who been an artist at Piney Woods since 1985. Duane estimates he has carved more than 2000 birds. The images attached are a Woodcock and a photo of him carving.

Kathy Bowdoin. Handcrafted original jewelry with gemstones, crystals, pearls, therapeutic beads and magnetic snaps.

Larry & Diana Carby. Hand cut cabochons set in sterling silver and wire-wrapped in sterling silver or gold-filled wire as pendants and earrings. Made from rock, fossils, shells.

Frank Gee. The world of nature provides the subject matter for all of Frank's art. His Gytaku (fish rubbings), bird and flower paintings are real & captivating. Uses watercolor and acrylics.

Myra Miller (Chibi

Charm Custom). Handmade polymer clay charms from popular geeky culture done in the Japanese Kawaii style.

Lynn Koning. Handmade pottery.

Jarrod Alberich. Mixed media "Yard Sale Artist" and comic book creator.

Carol McCrady. Specializes in Celtic and Renaissance style religious watercolor painting on handcrafted papyrus.

Rosilyn Holladay. Mediums including: acrylics, watercolor, black & white ink and mixed media. Does abstracts and themes inspired by the Wiregrass area.

Katie Hughes. Predominantly works in acrylics, but also does pencil and charcoal portraits.

Renee Peyregne. Works in medium & heavy body acrylics. Paints still life and landscapes.

Robert McBroom. Functional and decorative wood items created on a lathe.

Jonathon Rudloff. Garden pottery.

Kelly Martin Strange. Handmade wooden toys, American folk toys, roll toys, bows & arrows, swords & shields and boomerangs.

Melanie McClellan. Handmade American Girl and Barbie doll clothes.

Mark Caldwell of Southern Sun Metals. Copper insects, frogs, hummingbirds, fish & flowers.

Lindsay Farms. Southern gourmet food products: salsas, jams, preserves, relishes, BBQ sauces.



Drew and Karen Dobbins of Elba celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 19, 2018. On Sunday, March 25, the couple renewed their wedding vows in front of their church family at Basin Baptist Church. They are shown here at the conclusion of the vow renewal ceremony with with pastor, Dr. Sam Self.

Registration and Picture Day for Miss Elba Pageants set for Saturday, April 7

The 2018 Miss Elba Pageants registration and picture day is set for Saturday, April 7, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, 329 Putnam Street in Elba.

Contestants must register and turn in entry fee by Saturday, April 7, in order to participate in this year's pageants.

Registration at 3 p.m. will be for Future Little Miss [5-6 years]; Little Miss [1st grade], Junior Miss [9th-10th grades]; and Miss [17-21 years].

Registration at 4 p.m. will be for Baby Miss [0-18 months]; Toddler Miss [19-36 months]; and Tiny Miss [3-4 years]; Petite Miss [2nd-3rd grades]; Young Miss [4th-6th grades]; and Teen Miss [7th-8th grades].

To register early or for more information, contact Lauren Davis at (334) 282-4897 or misselbapageants@gmail.com.

Coffee County Relay for Life to honor cancer survivors on Friday, April 20th

As part of the 26th annual Coffee County Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society, all cancer survivors are invited to participate in several special activities during Relay for Life week.

The Coffee County Relay for Life activities begin Friday, April 20, at 7:30 a.m. at the Enterprise First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on North Main Street. Survivors will be given a Relay for Life t-shirt upon entering the fellowship hall for the breakfast celebration.

Prior to Friday night's Relay for Life opening ceremonies at the Enterprise Ozark Community College track, all cancer survivors are asked to wear their t-shirts and gather on the

bleachers in front of the grand stand for a group picture at 5:45 p.m. The Relay for Life Team #1 is the cancer survivor team and all survivors are invited to participate with this team.

All survivors and their families are invited to walk the first lap of the Relay for Life opening. After the first lap, an evening meal will be provided under the survivor tent.

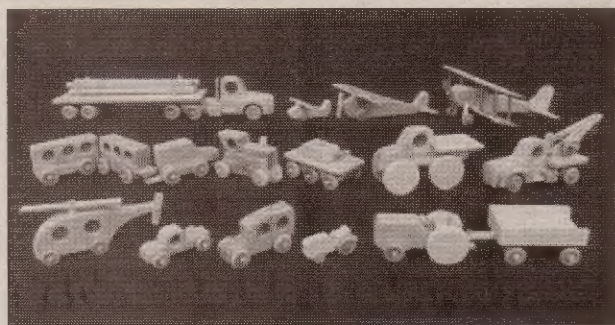
At 9 p.m., there will be a special Luminaria/Torch ceremony.

Cancer survivors who would like to participate in the activities are asked to call Linda Address at 334-313-6497 or email csgoalsby@centurytel.net.

Letters with response cards will be mailed the first week of April.



Decorative wood items created by Robert McBroom



Handmade wooden toys by Kelly Martin Strange



Lindsay Farms will feature Southern gourmet food products: salsas, jams, preserves, relishes, and BBQ sauces at the 44th annual Piney Woods Arts Festival set for April 7th and 8th in Enterprise.

Ricky Skaggs set to perform April 21st in Andalusia

Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder Band are coming to Andalusia on Saturday, April 21, for a fundraising event by the LBWCC Foundation.

"People who enjoy bluegrass or country music recognize the name of Ricky Skaggs," said Foundation President Kim Carter. "This event is for the whole family and will be held at the Kiwanis Center Fairgrounds in Andalusia. Be sure to bring your chair and enjoy an evening with one of the best entertainers in the country."

Skaggs racked up numerous music awards during his 40-plus year career, including 15 Grammy Awards, eight from the Country

Music Association, nine from the Academy of Country Music, 11 International Bluegrass Music Association awards, nine from Inspirational Country Music Association, and two Dove Awards. Twelve of his singles hit number one on the Billboard Country charts, and he's had 12 Top 20 Country albums.

In 2012, he was inducted into the GMA's Gospel Music Hall of Fame and received the Cliffie Stone Pioneer Award from the Academy of Country Music.

The Kentucky Thunder Band is an all-star lineup that includes Paul Brewster as tenor vocals on rhythm guitar, Russ Carson on banjo, Jake Workman on

lead guitar, Mike Barnett on fiddle, Dennis Parker as baritone vocals on guitar, and Jeff Picker on bass guitar.

"This group of guys meets my approval every night," Skaggs said. "Each and every one of the pickers in Kentucky Thunder totally amazes me in every show...and that, to me, outweighs any award we could ever win."

Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder take the stage at 6 p.m. on April 21 at the Kiwanis Center Fairgrounds in Andalusia. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. with local performers.

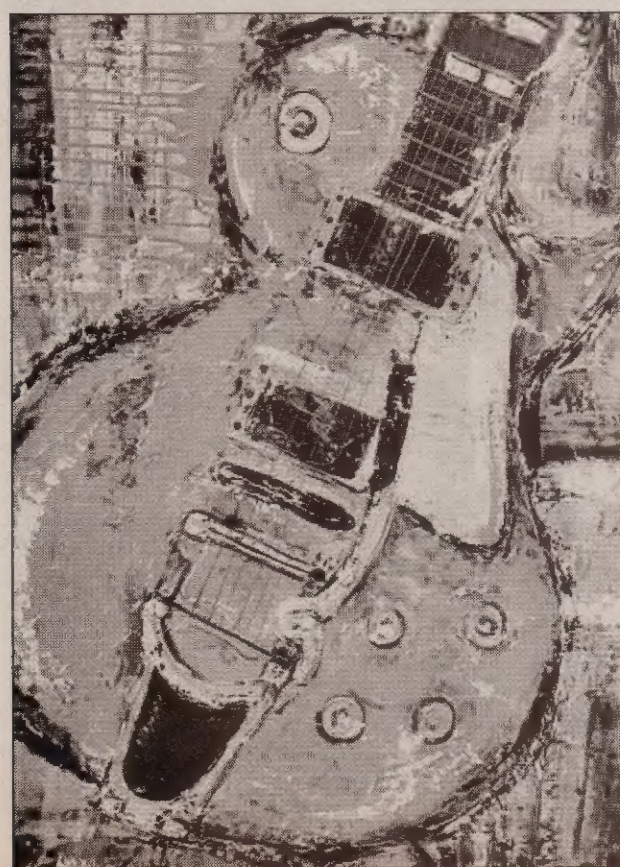
Tickets are \$25 in advance online at www.lbwcc.edu, \$35 at the gate, and \$75 preferred seating.

General admission ticket holders should bring a lawn chair for the outdoor performance. In case of rain, the event will move inside.

LBWCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to support programs and scholarships at LBW Community College.

For more information, call 334-881-2248.

Deadline for Lifestyles Page is Monday



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NEW SIGNATURE WRAPS.

NOW AT SUBWAY

PASTOR'S CORNER

Reverend Ken Wilson, Westside Baptist Church

Timber!

My dad always loved his yard. He took great pride in having what he considered to be one of the best looking yards in the neighborhood.

Actually, he came by it honestly; my grandfather had quite the green thumb and enjoyed yard work greatly. My grandfather used words like "mulch" and "aerate" when he talked about his yard and his eyes would light up. My dad had been groomed to be an expert in the area of lawn maintenance and he definitely had not been a disappointment.

Dad spent many hours in the yard on Saturdays and on days off. There was grass to be cut, raked, fertilized, and/or watered. Shrubs had to be trimmed and azaleas had to be treached around..

Then there were things like herbicide and insecticide, which did God only knows what to weeds and bugs, that had to be spread or sprayed on plants and bushes. There was always something that could be done in the yard if there was time to spare.

Yard work was my father's way of unwinding from the stresses of practicing medicine. It was a chance to be by himself for a while, and he enjoyed the release. Being in the ministry and the father of four, I now understand full well what an escape yard work can be. When I was young, however, I tried to be scarce when Dad was working in the yard. Of course, that was just the way he wanted it, until I was old enough to push a lawnmower.

We had a pretty large corner lot in a wooded neighborhood so we had lots of grass and lots of trees. For a while my dad had a pretty good system going. My brother and I would weed-eat and cut the grass while my dad would supervise. For one person it was an all day project, but with two it could be done on a Saturday morning leaving, the afternoon free.

After my brother went to college my dad changed his strategy. We got two lawnmowers and he and I could cut at the same time, thus reducing the time. This worked well for a few years, but, as I got older and involved in more activities, Dad ended up doing more and more of the work himself. Once again, a strategy change was necessary. After much deliberation my father made a monumental decision. The time had come to buy a riding lawnmower.

My dad's buying a riding lawnmower was like the Beatles making a disco album. I never thought he would bring himself to break down and get one. I think he thought it was lazy to ride while you cut grass. Whatever the case, Dad had made his mind up and there was no stopping him. It was time!

I went with him to Sears to pick out his new mower. I figured I might be using it some and I wanted to see what we were getting. He looked rather unimpressed with some of the larger tractor style mowers that I liked. I wanted "power," not maneuverability. Dad, however, wanted something that would be easier to handle around all our trees, so he picked a smaller, less tractor-looking mower. It was more like a seat on top of a motor with a steering wheel and blade underneath.

I was a little afraid of what the neighbors might say about our strange looking riding lawnmower as they cut their yards atop their lawn tractors. Frankly, ours looked a little sissy. Dad liked it though, and that was what was important. He would be the one they saw on it most of the time anyway. Maybe I could use it at night.

My next-door neighbor John Pegues (his dad had a lawn tractor) and I were playing in the yard a few days later when the Sears truck pulled into the driveway. We watched as they unloaded the strange looking little red machine. I heard the sarcasm in John's voice as he said, "That thing sure looks different than my dad's." "Yea, well, we got more trees than y'all do," I said in a desperate attempt to save face, but I knew he was right.

My dad excitedly filled it up with gas and cranked it up. It was loud, which made me feel a little better. I don't know what might have been said if it had been quiet on top of odd looking. Dad hopped on and began to ride around the yard. If did maneuver well, no question about it. He dropped the blade and began to cut a little to see how it looked. He was pleased with the beautiful strip of cut grass that stretched out behind him. In fact, he was so pleased with what was behind him he forgot to look ahead of him. He ran right into one of our loblolly pine trees. Quickly jarred back into reality, he tried to remember how to stop this machine he was riding. As Dad frantically tried to get the mower out of gear, the front end began to inch up the trunk of the tree. John stared wide eyed as my dad's riding lawnmower came close to vertical while hearing my dad curse loudly as he tried to stop the runaway machine.

When Dad finally stopped the mower and got it out of the tree, I puffed my chest up proudly and said to John, "I bet your dad's lawnmower won't do that". John never made fun of my dad's mower again. Dad used that mower for several years after that, but he never spent much time looking behind him; he kept his eyes on where he was headed.

Jesus had a little to say about looking where we have been. "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62) In other words, our purpose as Christians should be in front of us. We can't do anything about what is behind, us whether it is good or bad. However, we have the power through Him to do something with the future.

CHURCH NEWS

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church invites all to celebrate Pastor W.L. Peterson this Sunday, April 1st

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Elba will celebrate the 33rd Anniversary for Pastor

W.L. Peterson on Sunday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Alphagus Smith, pas-

tor of First Unity Baptist Church of Andalusia, Ala. All are welcome to attend.

Round and About
With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Rejoicing in answered prayer. Psalm 28: 1-9 Thank God

Thinking of you! Praying for you.

Mary Sue Dawson, Mamie Belcher, Lydia Kelley, Doris Waters, Diane Burks, Helen Thigpen, Alice Musgrove, Olen Barry, Mary Starks

March Birthdays/Anniversaries

Keyawna Gavin 3-9
Melissa Margo Kelley 3-9
Gladys Wright 3-9
Voncille Peavy 3-9
Pavielle Reed 3-11
Cayla Stoudemire 3-12
Paula Moreau 3-12
Jerry McMillian 3-12
Kayla Jones 3-12
Alfonzy Purvis 3-13 (in memory)
Ashley Thomas 3-13
Kenya Adkins 3-13
Tammy Tillis 3-13

Waiting — — — and Waiting

Haven't we all been dismayed by delay?

Haven't you yourself had to wait and wait for an opportunity? A job, a promotion, a home, or something else that you desired and felt you deserved? Imagine how David felt when he knew that the Lord had chosen him to be King of Israel yet year after year the throne remained in the control of a king whom the Lord had abandoned.

David had one great advantage. The Spirit of the Lord was with him (1st Samuel 16:13). Thus guided, he provides an admirable example for all of us who have to learn the difficult art of waiting. David

became a loyal servant of the reigning king and learned to wait patiently for God's timing. He steadfastly refused to take any action against the king who was so eager to kill him (1st Samuel 24: 2-7; 26: 6-12).

Question/Answer Session
Q/A for the week of 3-22-18

(Q) From the book of Deuteronomy the Promised Land was described as a land whose stones were (gopher wood) (copper) (iron)

(A) The Land was described as a Land whose Stones were Iron. Deuteronomy 8:9

Thought to Remember

Sometimes just your presence at a needed time is enough.

Multiple Choice
Question for the week of 3-29-18

(Q) How many Priests were to circle the City of Jericho? (7) (4) (5)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Easter Egg Hunt set for Saturday, March 31, at Basin Baptist

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy. 189, Elba, will host its annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 31, from 1-3 p.m.

All children are invited to attend. The event will include an Easter Egg hunt, goodies and lots of fun!

Easter Services at Basin will be Sunday, April 1, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Everyone invited!

Newbia Baptist to hold Easter & Revival services

Newbia Baptist Church will host the upcoming events include:

- Sunday, April 1st - Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast 6:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 2 through Wednesday, April 4 - Spring Revival at 7 p.m. nightly. Revivalists will be Rev. Joe Farris, Rev. Michael Woodham and Rev. Donnie Marler.

Everyone is welcome to attend these programs.

Harris Temple set to host Brewton District annual conference

The Brewton District of the COGIC annual conference will be April 10-13th at Harris Temple COGIC, 747 Adams Ave, Elba, Ala.

Services will begin at 7:30 nightly with District Institute at 7 p.m. The guest speakers will be Elder Jamel Strong, Superintendent Anthony Wheeler, Evangelist Sheila Gunter, and Superintendent John Grayson.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Benefit BBQ for Weed Community Cemetery set for Saturday, April 14

A benefit BBQ for the Weed Community Cemetery will be held Saturday, April 14, at Weed Church from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. All proceeds will go into the Cemetery Upkeep Fund.

There will be BBQ pork and chicken plates available. All donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information, call Billy Jones at 334-714-4361 or Larry Hudson at 334-342-8954.

Zion Chapel Baptist Church announces Easter service plans

The Easter schedule [Sunday, April 1] for Zion Chapel Baptist Church includes a sunrise service on the front porch at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast

in the fellowship hall. Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to come worship. Zion Chapel Baptist Church is located at

27057 Highway 87 about 10 miles north of Elba.

Church News is due on Monday!

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Michael Woodham, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting. 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Bro. Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.

Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. . . 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor.
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Elder James Starks Jr - Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Shane Thompson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser - Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorelai Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH

Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastor
1st. - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Pastor - Lee Jones
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Rev. Roy L. Turner, pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
Rev. James Redding, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

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Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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Noon Worship . . . 12:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. . . 7:00 p.m.

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Sponsored by Representative Chris Sells

House Bill 158 passes both chambers of state legislature

House Bill 158, sponsored by Representative Chris Sells has passed both chambers of the Alabama Legislature.

In February, the bill passed the Alabama House of Representatives 99-0. On Thursday, March 22, the bill passed the Alabama Senate 26-0.

The bill now goes to the Governor to be signed into law.

Rep. Sells' legislation makes substantial changes to the Alabama Move Over Act. The law will now require drivers to move into the far lane or slow down when approaching a car with flashing lights on the side of the road or be subject to a ticket.

"We have seen how big of a problem this is in the state," said Rep. Sells.

"There have been more than 800 roadside collisions since 2011 in Alabama. Everyone is put in danger when cars fail to slow down or move over. We have cars flying by people changing a tire on the side of the highway or interstate, and it's dangerous. This bill makes drivers endangering those lives subject to a citation. Maybe more importantly, this can serve as an educational service to our citizens. This bill highlights how dangerous and problematic failure to comply with the Move Over Act is. I am happy my bill passed both houses unanimously so we can continue to confront this issue on our roadways."

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COMMUNITY NEWS



THE F.A.I.T.H. ACADEMY HOMESCHOOL CO OP GROUP ENJOYED A FIELD TRIP Tuesday, March 27, to Elba. The students visited the Elba Food Bank where they learned about serving the community through that outreach, and they visited the Elba Giving Garden, which is a community project of Restoration 154 in Elba. Here,



the students learned about growing planting and growing vegetables, and how the vegetables are harvested to help support the Elba Food Bank.

F.A.I.T.H. Academy is an umbrella cover school that operates as a ministry of County Line Baptist Church of Enterprise.

Above, Elba High agriculture teacher Jamie Hudson talks about gardening with the students.

Left, homeschool student Levi Daniels helps pull weeds from the Giving Garden. The F.A.I.T.H. Academy students helped prepare the garden for the upcoming Spring Planting Day for the garden, which is set for Saturday, April 14th.

The students enjoyed lunch at Elba's Tiger Town Park before heading home for the day.



Fox Theatre Institute joins Restoration 154 for Elba Theatre Restoration Workshop... On Friday, March 23, the Fox Theatre Institute (FTI) joined Elba's Restoration 154, the Alabama Historical Commission and other statewide partners for a day long workshop aimed at continuing the revitalization efforts of the historic Elba Theatre. The day began with a tour of the Elba Theatre, followed by sessions about the challenges and opportunities the restoration project faces. This is the Fox Theatre Institute's first resource team visit in Alabama, and Leigh Burns, director of the Fox Theatre Institute, said historic preservation often sets the stage for economic development – not just cultural development. Justin Maddox, of Restoration 154, said the potential for the historic theatre building is great and having the support of the Fox Theatre Institute, along with so many other outstanding organizations, is very encouraging for this ongoing project in Elba. He said the ideas that came from Friday's meeting have generated new excitement for the project and hopefully opened even more doors for finding the resources needed to help complete the restoration of the Elba Theatre. Above, those involved in last Friday's workshop are shown sharing ideas with one another during a meeting at the Just Folk Coffeehouse building in downtown Elba.

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Elba City Council meeting reveals no surprises for council members

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, March 26, with all members present and voting.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said activity was consistent with the past month. He noted investigators have been busy with various cases, including a recent death by gunfire. He noted this death appears to have been from an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound, probably when the owner dropped the handgun and it discharged.

Assistant City Clerk Pat Boothe noted to council members the improved lighting in the council chambers was due to the newly installed LED lights.

She also noted that the formal funding approval has been received on the new fire equipment; the Splash Pad is 90 percent complete and will be ready for summer usage as scheduled.

The council approved renewing a contract with Government Revenue Solutions, of Birmingham. This is the firm that reviews tax records and business licenses to be sure all applicable taxes are received by the City of Elba.

Two youth receive PBCI scholarships

Two outstanding Coffee County youth in livestock were awarded scholarships by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI) for their participation in Alabama's livestock industry Saturday, March 17, at a luncheon held in coordination with the Alabama Jr. Beef Expo and the Southeastern Livestock Exposition (SLE) Rodeo.

Bowen Jones, of Brundidge, was awarded the County Star Junior Cattleman award while Caden Dean, of Kinston, received the County Premier Exhibitor award.

The PBCI has a proud history of supporting youth in livestock.

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little grandson Lawson headed to the beach with his Mom and Aunt Mel-Mel early in the week and had all his tools and sand box loaded as he was convince he would find sand crabs and bring one home for a pet. They have yet to make it home, but I have my doubts about his plans for a new pet.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers put a season-long losing streak to rest last week** by posting a solid 4-1 road win over Red Level. The Tigers had lost earlier in the season to Red Level at home, but last week rode the strong arm of pitcher Trenton Sanders and an error-free defense to pick up win number one. This team is better than many think, and I am sure it will add some wins to its total in the days left on the schedule.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers reached the 4-win plateau for the first time in three years** last week with wins over Florala and Trinity. The win over Florala was expected after a big early-season win over the Lady 'Cats, but the win over 4A Trinity, of Montgomery, was not expected and opened some eyes of the fans at the game. The Lady Tigers are still a work in progress, but they are now competitive, no matter the opponent, and should have a chance to make even more history in the weeks to come.

*** **A look around the area found lots going on** both in baseball and softball. On the baseball diamond, New Brockton knocked off 4A power Andalusia for its biggest win of the season and may be peeking at just the right time, while Brantley claimed two big wins over Highland Home to leave no doubt who was the baseball power in Crenshaw County. Over on the softball field, Zion Chapel smashed county-rival New Brockton 11-1, only to fall two nights later to Kinston, but woke back up over the weekend and in a tournament in Ozark held its own with 5A Eufaula and 6A Dothan. Brantley kept on making it look easy with lopsided wins over Dale County and Geneva, and folks up in Brantley are already talking about having to build a biggest trophy case.

*** **My NCAA bracket was shot to pieces** weeks back, but I am still watching the tournament and have found it a little more interesting this season with all the upsets. I will admit I have gone to bed and left a few games still going, but I did read about the games the next day in the paper. So, I consider myself a college fan to the end.

*** **In closing....** I attended a high school softball tournament in Ozark over the weekend and on Friday night sat on a picnic table far behind the scorers building as the Elba Lady Tigers, coached by Melissa Mularz, took on the Carroll Lady Eagles, coached by Melanie Mularz. It didn't really matter who won, since one daughter also had to lose. However, I can assure you I was one proud Dad!

Baseball/Softball SCHEDULES

Monday, April 2

(Baseball)

CHHS at Brantley
Houston Ac. at Arton
Wicksburg at Slocomb
Geneva Co. at Carroll
Dothan at Samson
Goshen at Straughn
Abbeville at Dale Co.

(Softball)

Brantley at H. Home
Geneva Co. at Zion Chapel
Ashford at Slocomb

Tuesday, April 3

(Baseball)

New Brockton at Kinston
Pl. Home at Red Level
H. Home at McKenzie
Andalusia at Opp
G.W. Long at Houston Ac.
Pike Co. at Zion Chapel
Ashford at Abbeville

Straughn at Excel
Brantley at CHHS
Dothan at Moseley
(Softball)
Zion Chapel at Elba
Geneva Co. at Houston Co.
Opp at Kinston
Andalusia at Florala
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In softball action

Elba cages Florala Lady 'Cats 15-0

The Elba Lady Tigers exploded for 11 runs in the opening inning and never looked back last Thursday afternoon in a 15-0 win over Florala.

A leadoff single by McKenzie Hooks ignited the early explosion, while Mone Martin and A'Maysia Whitfield both added rbi singles and Sandra Lindsey ripped a bases-loaded single to drive in three runs as the Lady Tigers combined four hits with nine walks to jump on top 11-0 after one inning of play.

Elba carried the 11-0 lead into the third inning after a scoreless second, but came back to life at the plate as Alyssa Kyles and Danaejah Flowers both delivered key rbi singles to up the lead to

14-0.

The Lady Tigers put the win in the books in the bottom of the fifth when Sandra Lindsey led off the inning with a solo home run to give Elba the lopsided 15-0 home win.

Sandra Lindsey had 3 hits, scored 2 run and knocked in 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Mone Martin added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and collected 2 rbi's; Danaejah Flowers added 1 hit, scored 2 run and collected 2 rbi's; McKenzie Hooks added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, A'Maysia Whitfield added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and added 1 rbi. Whitfield was the winning pitcher as she tossed three innings and allowed no runs on two hits.

Lady Tigers shock 4A Trinity at weekend tourney in Ozark

The Elba Lady Tigers competed at the Carroll Lady Eagle Softball Tournament last weekend, in Ozark, and posted an impressive win over Trinity, of Montgomery, before dropping their next two tournament games.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

Elba 11 Trinity 9

The Elba Lady Tigers saw an early 5-run lead vanish, but rallied in extra innings to claim an exciting 11-9 win over 4A Trinity, of Montgomery.

The Lady Tigers grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the opening inning when Sandra Lindsey led off with a single, stole second base and raced home on an rbi single by A'Maysia Whitfield, and then regained the lead at 3-1 in the second when Mckenlie Jerkins doubled in Alyssa Kyles and then scored on an rbi single by Kayla Seay.

The Lady Tigers lead grew to 4-2 in the third when Alyssa Kyles drew a leadoff walk and circled the bases, and then ballooned to 7-2 in the fourth. The fourth inning fireworks were ignited when Sandra Lindsey, McKenzie Hooks, Kira Starks and A'Maysia Whitfield combined to bang out four straight singles, while Alyssa Kyles also added an rbi single as Elba appeared to take command.

Trinity bounced right back in the bottom of the inning and combined three hits with four walks to plate five runs and caught the Lady Tigers at 7-7. However, Elba's bats came back to life in the second extra inning as the Lady Tigers scored four runs to get back in front 11-7.

A leadoff single by Kira Starks, a walk to A'Maysia Whitfield and a hit batter loaded the bases with no outs, while Mckenlie Jerkins followed with a bases clearing double deep to left field and Jerkins later scored on a wild pitch to cap the big inning.

Trinity plated two runs in the bottom of the frame and brought the tying run to the plate, but Jerkins recorded a game-ending strikeout as the Lady Tigers claimed the wild 11-9 win.

Kira Starks had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and collected 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Mckenlie Jerkins added 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 4 runs; Alyssa Kyles added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Sandra Lindsey and McKenzie Hooks both added 2 hits, scored 2 run and had 1 rbi; and, A'Maysia Whitfield added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's.

Mckenlie Jerkins got the win inside the circle as she scattered six hits and allowed six earned runs.

Carroll 10 Elba 3

The Elba Lady Tigers watched an early 3-0 lead evaporate in a 10-3 pool play loss to 5A Carroll High, of Ozark.

The Lady Tigers came out swinging the bats as Sandra Lindsey, Kira Starks and A'Maysia Whitfield all delivered key one-out hits, with Whitfield's single driving in two Elba runs. Whitfield later scored on an error, and after one trip to the plate the Lady Tigers were already on top 3-0.

Carroll pushed across an unearned run in the bottom of the first to pull within 3-1, and while Elba managed only two baserunners over the next five innings, Carroll's bats came to life as it combined four hits with four errors and plated seven unearned runs to run away and claim the big 10-3 win.

Sandra Lindsey had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while A'Maysia Whitfield added 1 hit, 1 run scored and 2 rbi's; and Kira Starks added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Mckenlie Jerkins took the loss inside the circle despite allowing only five hits and three earned runs.

Cottonwood 6 Elba 5

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind 5-0 early and saw a late rally fall one run short in a 6-5 loss to Cottonwood.

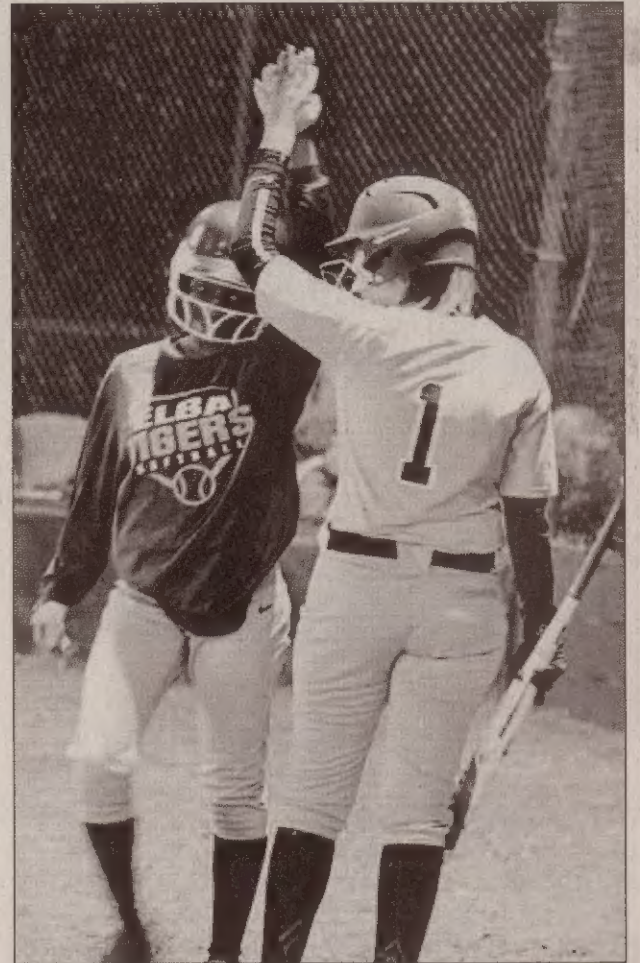
Both teams went three up and three down in the first inning, but Cottonwood used four infield hits and one key Elba error to plate five runs in the second and take a 5-0 lead.

Elba cut the lead to 5-1 in the bottom of the frame when Mckenlie Jerkins walked and scored on an rbi single by Kayla Seay, but Cottonwood bounced right back to up its lead to 6-1 in the third.

The Lady Tigers came to life in the fourth and plated three runs to pull within 6-4. A one-out walk to Kayla Seay and a single by Praise Edwards put two runners on base, and both raced home when Sandra Lindsey delivered an inside the park home run down the right field line!

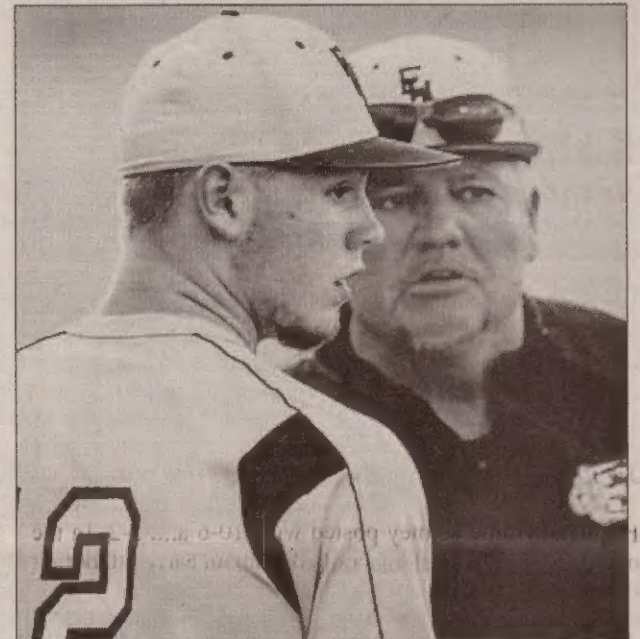
The Lady Tigers got within 6-5 in the bottom of the fifth when Alyssa Kyles ripped an rbi triple off the fence with one out. However, Kyles was stranded on third as two outs later the Lady Tigers saw their tournament run come to an end with the 6-5 loss.

Sandra Lindsey had 1 hit, scored 1 run and knocked in 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Mckenlie Jerkins added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Kayla Seay and Praise Edwards both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Alyssa Kyles added 1 hit and 1 rbi.



Elba Lady Tigers Kira Starks and Kayla Seay (1) celebrate a run during a recent win.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Elba Tiger baseball coach Glen Johnson talks with a player during a time-out in recent high school baseball action.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Elba Tigers down Red Level 4-1 for first win

The Elba Tigers put an end to their season-long losing streak Friday night with an exciting 4-1 road win over Red Level.

The Tigers jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning, upped their lead to 2-0 in the fourth, and never lost command as they posted the big win.

Iverson Lane had 2 hits,

scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Elba, while Jay Jordan added 1 hit and had 1 rbi; Trent Sanders and Chandler Coppage both added 1 hit; and Jared Campbell and Avery Webster both scored one run. Trent Sanders got the win on the mound as she tossed a complete game 3-hitter with six strikeouts.

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Kinston Lady Bulldog pitcher Courtney Lunsford gets full extension as she delivers a pitch in last week's win over Zion Chapel. Lunsford struck out 13 Lady Rebel batters in the 12-5 win.

(Photo by Mike Capps)



OUT AT FIRST! Zion Chapel Rebel junior varsity player Drew Mack reaches for a throw in last week's win over Kinston.

(Photo by Colby Capps)

** Baseball ** Softball ** DIAMOND DUST

BASEBALL:

Ariton rolls over Elba Tigers 22-0

The Ariton Purple Cats scored in every inning and combined 18 hits with three walks and five Elba errors to hand the Tigers a lopsided 22-0 defeat. Jay Jordan and Isaac Watkins both had 1 hit to lead Elba, while Carson Fain had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Purple Cats, while Ryan Tomlin added 23 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's, and Josh Sullivan added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 4 runs.

Brantley Bulldogs sweep Squadron

The Brantley Bulldogs swept a doubleheader from Highland Home as they posted wins 10-6 and 5-2. In the opening win, the Bulldogs rallied from an early 3-0 deficit to claim the area victory. Greyson Layton had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Bryce Dunn added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, Jake Kilcrease got the win on the mound as he scattered nine hits and recorded three strikeouts. In the second win, the Bulldogs scored two runs in both the sixth and seventh innings to squeeze out the area win. Mack Wise had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while Carson Jones added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Edge Branum added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Samuel Tompkins.

New Brockton shocks Andalusia 3-0

The New Brockton Gamecocks blanked the 4A Andalusia Bulldogs 3-0. Hunter Wallace had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Dalton Adkison

added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Caleb Griffin added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and was the winning pitcher as he tossed a five-hit shutout with five strikeouts.

SOFTBALL:

Brantley dumps Dale County 14-1

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs scored 10 runs in their final two trips to the plate to claim an impressive 14-1 win over Dale County. Kayden Dunn had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Anna Kimbro added 2 hits, scored 2 hits and had 2 rbi's; Emory Bush added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Hannah Sims added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; Leanna Johnson added 2 hits and had 3 rbi's; and, Gracie Free added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Leanna Johnson tossed a 2-hitter with 12 strikeouts to get the win inside the circle.

Lady Bulldogs blanked Panthers 14-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs scored 8 runs in the opening inning to take command and coasted in with a big 14-0 win over Geneva. Cassidy Wilcox had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Anna Kimbro added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Emory Bush added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Hannah Sims added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; and, Leanna Johnson added a 2-run homer and was the winning pitcher as she tossed a no-hitter with 13 strikeouts.

Kinston clobbers Houston County 17-2

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored 16 runs in the opening inning and coasted in with a lopsided 17-2 win over Houston County. Courtney Lunsford had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Faith Peters added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Abbi Smith added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Faith Peters was the winning pitcher as she tossed a one-hitter with six strikeouts.

Zion Chapel cages Gamecocks 11-1

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels scored nine runs in the fifth inning to claim a solid 11-1 area win over New Brockton. Savannah Shelton had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Rebels, while Ivey Amlong added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Willow Johnson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; Jaylyn Baker added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and Kerry Hussey added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Lexy Rugg was the winning pitcher as she tossed a 3-hitter with 3 strikeouts.

Kinston outscored Zion Chapel 12-5

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored five runs in the sixth inning to take command as they claimed a 12-5 win over Zion Chapel. Jade Elmore had 2 hits, including a grand-slam home run, scored 2 runs and had 6 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while McKenzie Chamblee added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; faith Peters added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Courtney Lunsford added 1 hit and scored 3 runs, and also got the win inside the circle as she tossed a two-hitter with 13 strikeouts. Lexy Rugg had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Willow Johnson added 1 hit and 2 rbi's.

Zion Chapel downs Cottonwood 6-1

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled ahead early and rolled to a 6-1 tournament win over Cottonwood. Lexy Rugg had 1 hit, scored 2 runs, had 1 rbi and was the winning pitcher as she tossed a 2-hitter with three strikeouts, while Jaylyn Baker added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Willow Johnson added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Lady Rebels blanked by Eufaula 5-0

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 5-0 tournament contest to 5A Eufaula. Savannah Shelton had the lone Lady Rebel hit in the loss.

Kinston JV outscore Lady Rebels 9-6

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored 4 runs in the first inning to take command and held on late to outscore Zion Chapel 9-6, in junior varsity action. Smith had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Alexis Wambles had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Lady Rebels.



Kinston Bulldog pitcher delivers a pitch to the plate in last week's county rival clash between the Bulldogs and the Zion Chapel Rebels.

(Photo by Colby Capps)



Zion Chapel Rebel pitcher keeps an eye on the target as he prepares to pitch in last week's intra-county clash against Kinston.

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Mary Lacy Lusk performing last weekend in Mississippi

DANCE

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a lot while I was there," she said. "I feel like I really grew as a dancer in my training and education of just dance itself and I really loved being surrounded by dancers that were better than me and more professional to see how they act. It pushed me to be more like them."

But the students didn't spend all their time dancing. Every day was filled with excursions to explore the Cuban culture and Havana. The students also took salsa lessons, visited the famed Tropicana club, toured Old Havana and rode in 1950s cars, among many other activities.

"The Tropicana was a great experience. I had seen it in movies and heard of it, of course, but it was completely different getting to be there and watch the performers. They were amaz-

ing," Lusk said. "They had extravagant costumes and huge head pieces and did all their dances with that. It was a different but really fun experience."

Visiting Cuba was the first time Lusk had ever traveled outside of the United States, but she said the trip is responsible for some of her best memories.

"Studying abroad impacted me in so many ways. I've learned to love and respect and learn about a culture I didn't know I was ever going to experience. Going there helped me not only love the people we met along the way, but the things about everyday life," she said. "It was the best two weeks of my life. I've very glad I went."

Lusk encourages any student with an opportunity to study abroad to take advantage of it.

"There's so much to see and so much to learn and so much to do that you're going to be thankful for it while you're there and you going to wish you could go back every single second of the day when you get home. Or at least I have," she said. "Going back and looking at the pictures, I just know that it was one of the best experiences of my life and it was the best decision I've ever made to go."

"Redefining Carmen" first debuted Jan. 27 in a performance with Malpas at the university's Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts, but the community had a chance to see it once more last weekend at Mississippi: The Dance Company's spring show "Crossing Borders."

"Three on a String" returns to We Piddle Around Theater on Friday, April 13th

The Brundidge Historical Society will present "Three on a String" in concert at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge.

Tickets are \$25 and will include the pre-show, the award-winning trio of four and a barbecue supper. Tickets for "Three on a String" on April 13 at the We Piddle Around Theater are available by calling 334-344-9427, 344-0639 or 670-6302.

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Coffee County 4-H hosts senior citizens carnival

On Thursday, March 22, the Coffee County Farm Center played host to around 300 Wiregrass area senior citizens as the Coffee County 4-H organization and Coffee County Extension office host the Senior Citizens Carnival [formerly the Senior Citizens Prom] in New Brockton.

Coffee County Extension coordinator Gavin Mauldin said the event is a Coffee County 4-H Community Service project, and it brings seniors from the Wiregrass to New Brockton for a day of fun and activities.

New Hope Senior Center director Conzuella Banks said the seniors enjoyed the food, games, dancing, and fellowship.

"One of our seniors, James Moultry, was shown on WTVY News 4," Banks said. "We want to thank the 4-H Club for such a fun-filled event. The children were so helpful and polite. We were glad to be a part of it."



New Hope seniors Agnes Ragan and Dorothy Martin enjoying a hotdog and potato chips.



Playing checkers!



A group of residents from the Elba Nursing and Rehab facility enjoyed the event!



The seniors enjoyed live music from Roscoe Kahumoku during the carnival event.

FIRE

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Sunday morning, and they were among several other departments to respond to the call and assist. The Elba firefighters remained on scene until early afternoon.

Fire departments from the Southeast Alabama region that reportedly assisted Brantley on Sunday included: Bullock, Elba, Honoraville, Spring Hill, Fullers Crossroads, Glenwood, Rutledge, Opp, Dozier, Highland Home, and Fort Rucker. This included a total of some 70-80 firefighters working to contain the extensive fire.

Crenshaw County EMA director Elliott Jones who also arrived on scene early Sunday morning, said the all the local firefighters did an excellent job in getting this fire contained. He said there was no telling what the fire would have done had it not been for the great job done by the local firefighters.



Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department are shown on scene Sunday, March 25, assisting with the fire containment at the Brantley Recycle Center. The

fire totally engulfed the recycle center and burned for several hours before it was totally contained. There also was concern during the fire for the toxic fumes being put off by the plastics burning in the blaze; therefore, many homes and businesses were evacuated for several hours.

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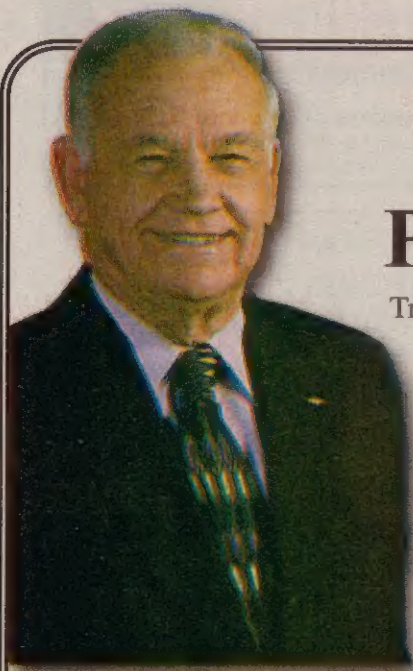


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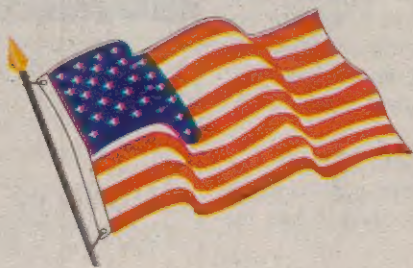
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